

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Chisholm Creek Park South Pathway Improvements"

The Federal Highway Administration Central Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA-CFLHD) in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is proposing improvements to the Chisholm Creek Pathway located south of K-96 at Woodlawn, at the Great Plains Nature Center in Sedgwick County, Wichita, Kansas. The project involves improvements to 1.82 miles of the Chisholm Creek Pathway within the park and within the Great Plains Nature Center. The existing pathway is a 10+ year old asphalt bike path that has deteriorated, resulting in cracks and shoulder sloughing. The arterial sidewalk along Woodlawn is adjacent to the busy street, which poses potential safety concerns. The existing pathway will be replaced with a 10' wide concrete pathway that is offset 30-50' from Woodlawn.

The final design process, environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and associated environmental compliance processes for the proposed improvements are underway. A Categorical Exclusion is being prepared to address NEPA requirements. The design, NEPA, and environmental clearance processes are scheduled for completion in late July or August of 2014. Construction is expected to begin as soon as this summer.

FHWA encourages all interested persons to provide input. Comments may be sent to: Jeffrey Berna, Environmental Program Specialist, FHWA-CFLHD, 12300 West Dakota Avenue, Suite 330, Lakewood, CO 80228-2683, Jeffrey.Berna@dot.gov, 720-963-3641. Comments received by July 24, 2014 are considered to be within the official public comment period. If you would like more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Berna.